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Life & Style
Common, Talib Kweli, Floetry, and Gang Starr perform at 9:30 club... B2

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New Housing Policy Released, Deadlines Today

Letters of Recommendation Due Today, Money Due Monday

By Kerry-Ann Hamilton
Campus Editor

The Office of Residence Life recently unveiled its new plan for assigning housing beginning next academic year, but while the department maintains the new system is better than the antiquated lottery system, students oppose.

The Room Selection and Verification Plan (RSVP) Information packet outlines the new point system in detail. The point scale will be capped

at a maximum of 50 points per student.

Distance from campus exceeding 25 miles will earn the RSVP participant a maximum of 10 points except for international students who will earn 15 points. Students who live within the specified radius will receive 5 points. The actual distance will be determined by the student's address in the banner system.

Academic performance carries the most weight accounting for 40 percent or

20 points. A 0.00-1.99 grade point average will earn an applicant just two points. The GPA scale increases in .19 increments starting at 2.0, which increases by two points with every additional .19 point. However, students with a 3.20-3.49 will earn 16 points, 3.5-3.79 will receive 18, and applicants over a 3.8 will get a full 20 points.

An applicant's classification adds a maximum of 10

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How Will the New Policy Affect You?

Three types of Howard students are taken through the point system Residence Life will use to determine who gets the first choice in housing. The student with the highest number of points gets the first choice.

Student A Profile		Student B Profile		Student C Profile	
Rising Sophomore	10 pts.	Rising Junior	6 pts.	Senior	4 pts.
4.0 GPA	20 pts.	3.0 GPA	14 pts.	2.7 GPA	10 pts.
Involved in:		Involved in:		Works full time	2 pts.
Three campus orgs.	6 pts.	Two campus orgs.	4 pts.	From Maryland	5 pts.
Two comm. service orgs.	4 pts.	Two comm. service orgs.	4 pts.		
From California	10 pts.	From New York	10 pts.		
Total:	50	Total:	38	Total:	21

Continued Snow Affects Classes



The continued school closings spawned by the snowfall have forced many schools to reconstruct their calendars for the semester. Area schools have already implemented changes to spring and holiday breaks, and are considering shortening lunch periods. While Howard has made no official statements regarding making up for the lost school days, some teachers have made individual attempts to return the lectures to the course syllabi.

9:30 Club Goers Take Parking from Towers Residents

By Veronica-Marché Miller
Hilltop Staff Writer

It's Monday night, about 7:15 p.m., and a crowd has lined up outside the 9:30 Club on V Street. A band called Home Grown is on the schedule, and club-goers from D.C., Maryland, and Virginia have come out to see the show. The club's parking lot is already full, turning away patrons who have not gotten pre-paid parking.

Soon, cars are lining up and down the streets surrounding the club, looking for a place to park. Behind the West Towers, vehicles begin pulling into the Eighth Street Parking Lot, where a sign clearly states that parking requires a Howard University permit.

Some 9:30 patrons do not realize that this lot is for Howard University use, while others are aware. Most simply do not care; they would just like to park their cars and get into the club before the show starts.

One student from the College of Southern Maryland with



PHOTO BY MAYA GILLIAM
The 9:30 Club is located on 815 V St. behind the Towers.

green-tinted hair and a colorfully striped hat nonchalantly made her way to the club after parking in a student spot.

"I park here all the time," she said. "No one has said anything." Apparently, she has not heard the complaints of permit-holding Howard students, who have had their share of parking

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Studies Show AIDS Vaccine Works Better on Minorities



By David Johns
Hilltop Staff Writer

While the initial results of a three-year trial conducted by researchers at VaxGen Inc. have proven unable to stop the infection of AIDS in "high-risk non minority subjects," researchers are hopeful the results will show promise in studying the effects of AIDS in minority communities.

The "failed" results of the vaccine Aidsvax, developed

by VaxGen located in Brisbane, Calif., have produced hopeful developments in studies surrounding ethnic differences in response to the vaccine.

The vaccine, which helps the virus dock with the cells of the body's immune system, was given to two-thirds of the experimental population. Consisting of only one protein and not the entire virus, it cannot give the patient AIDS. The vaccine works by stimulating the immune sys-

tem into making antibodies that will latch onto the gp120 protein in the real virus and prevent HIV from infecting immune cells.

The recent results have many institutions and campus organizations scrambling to facilitate HIV/AIDS screenings, while research companies rush to gather more information about the effects of the study.

Whitman Walker Clinic and the Howard University Plaza Towers scheduled a

free HIV screening Thursday afternoon from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. While most students appeared unaware of the screening, they were pleased by the implementation of the screening.

"I feel that the free HIV testing will benefit students because minorities are among those who have HIV and don't know it; however, this free HIV testing will [also] benefit the research in

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Shuttle Drivers Fight Each Other

By David Johns
Hilltop Staff Writer

Last Thursday two shuttle employees from the Slowe/Carver route engaged in a physical fight.

International Service Limousine supervisor Keister Dickson and driver Robert Green's (a.k.a. Erick) physical altercation, which occurred in front of Cook Hall, resulted in the dismissal of both men.

Students claim that the argument stemmed from the driver's inability to drive the bus.

"A Papa Johns truck seemed to

block the way of the shuttle and the supervisor intervened when Green said he could not move the shuttle past the car," junior political science major, Shanick Whaite said. "Once the supervisor got on the shuttle and moved it past the car Erick got an attitude after Dickson said 'ok, now you can drive it.'"

Students said Green refused to drive them to Slowe.

"Without the supervisor provoking him, the driver started disrespecting the supervisor by jumping in the his face and cursing," said junior business management major Samore Smith. "Two guys who were

on the shuttle going to Carver had to pull Green off the supervisor."

The police were summoned, and students on the shuttle spoke to campus police officers in Slowe Hall regarding the altercation.

"It was almost as if the campus officers didn't care that we were telling them about the fight," Whaite said.

Approximately five students were on the shuttle at the time of the altercation.

At the time of press there were no further developments.



Recently, two shuttle bus drivers engaged in a physical fight with each other.



Voices & Views

Do you think the new housing policy is fair?



Natasha Green
Physical Therapy
Freshman

"No, everybody is not going to be able to get enough points to be able to live where they want to live."



Raymond Tucker
Freshman
Biology

"I think it's fair, but it just puts a lot of students at a disadvantage."



Andre Townsel
Freshman
Undecided

"No, it's not fair because some people are less fortunate than others, academically. That does not mean that they cannot still have the best housing."



Dominique Buckner
Freshman
Nursing

"No, because I am from the area, so I don't get many points. Just because I'm from the area doesn't mean I shouldn't have the opportunity to experience college life on campus."

BY AMINA HALL

Undergraduate Trustee Candidates Present Platforms Jacques Purvis

By Monica Almond
Contributing Writer

Current Arts & Sciences Executive President, Jacques Purvis joins Kareem Merrick, Justin K. George, and Silas Cardwell in the race for the position of undergraduate trustee.

A sophomore double majoring in Political Science and Psychology, Purvis emphasizes his mission at Howard is to improve the institution in as many ways as possible.

"I have done my best to make sure Howard is somehow better off than when I leave," says Purvis. "I feel

like this is part of my obligation as a student."

Purvis holds a high level of confidence in his role for the trustee position and believes that he is capable of implementing change and advancing student interaction concerning the issues brought forth to the Board.

"I believe I can take this position to new heights by maximizing the visibility of student representation on the Board by consistently seeking student input by way of office hours, writing perspectives in 'The Hilltop' once a month, and soliciting help of students to disseminate information by request of the

board," says Purvis.

Operating with the slate entitled, "CLEAR: Continuing the Legacy of Excellence and Responsibility," Purvis is determined to continue helping to advance the quality of campus life by maintaining his commitment to the University and advancing to the next level of leadership.

"The square indicates that my efforts are an attempt to take student representation to the next level," he says. "CLEAR is a personal testament that signifies my life for the University and

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Sophomore Jacques Purvis is a candidate for Undergraduate Trustee.

FILE PHOTO

Amnesty International on 'Blacks in the Military'

By Nicole Massiah
Contributing Writer

Usually when someone sees a flyer of a black-faced Uncle Sam giving the finger or a Chef George Bush preparing a fresh batch of "Negroes," all sorts of ideas enter the mind.

These images set the stage at the recent Amnesty International event held Feb. 25 in Locke Hall's Smart room.

"Blacks in the Military: A Forum on the Historical Oppression of Blacks in the Military and How It Affects You" began with a mix and mingle. Letters, facts and statistics of black soldiers in the Civil War were also on display while African rhythms played in the background.

The evening proceeded with a skit about slaves in the Civil War. Slaves purpose served as man power to secure a win on both sides. However the Union had one up on the slave states — slaves were promised freedom for their participation in the war.

Junior telecommunications management major Shiva Orie and junior business management major Chris Bradshaw, discussed the roles and treatments of African Americans in World War II, Vietnam and the Gulf War.

Regarding the wars, Orie stressed the responsibility people have in understanding the roles of African Americans and the correlation between history and present.

"I didn't want to make it a history lesson," Orie said. Rather, he wished to give examples in order to increase awareness.

Black soldiers are over-repre-



PHOTO BY AMINA HALL

Students exemplify racism in the military through a presentation at Tuesday's Amnesty International Forum.

sented and usually dispatched to the most dangerous missions and areas during warfare.

"Currently," Bradshaw said, "the percentage of blacks in the military is roughly twice the percentage of blacks in the general US population."

This is a far cry from when black soldiers were not allowed to lawfully participate in the war effort.

"Amnesty International's main focus is on human rights, [and the] abuses of people," said event coordinator Ebony Glenn, junior political science major.

Howard's chapter is centered on the issues of the African Diaspora.

This socially conscious group started on Howard's campus with a demonstration in Prince George's county against police brutality, prompted by the shoot-

ing death of Prince Jones. With Melissa Jones as its founder and five members in Fall 2000, it has now grown to over 40 active members in just two years.

"Amnesty International has opened my eyes to the vast amount of injustice, not just of blacks but of people all over the world," junior computer science major Kevin Wilson said. "It has made me realize what I can do."

Amnesty International originally started 42 years ago in Britain with a letter for amnesty of two freedom-fighting South American teenagers imprisoned for their activism. This organization has now become the largest of such groups with over one million members in over 170 territories. The organization also tackles issues of police brutality, anti-globalization, and gay, lesbian and transgender rights, to name a few.

HU Chapter of NAACP Hosts Town Hall Meeting

By Melanie R. Holmes
Contributing Writer

The Howard University chapter of the NAACP hosted a town hall meeting last Thursday to address topics such as the pending war on Iraq, senate judicial nominations, affirmative action, and the closing of Morris Brown.

The discussion, led by Benjamin Jealous, the Director of U.S. Domestic Human Rights Program in the Blackburn University Center's West Ballroom.

"We are here to discuss the war of the world abroad, and the war of black people at home," Jealous said. "The U.S. government says we are fighting a war for freedom, but all the freedom we had is disappearing before us."

Panel members included NAACP Youth Board Member Nicholas Wiggins, student and co-organizer of the Youth March Against the War on Iraq Peta Lindsay, Adam Hunter of the College of Republicans, Ashley Collier of the Young Democrats of America, president of the U.S. Student Association Joi'ie Taylor, community activist Channing Hawkins of Rock the Vote, and Zaccai Free of the Art of Living Foundation.

Said Jomo K. Ballard, the assistant director of the NAACP youth and college division also weighed in on the issues.

"We are here to discuss the difference between selected and elected," Ballard said. "Our

administration has been selected to erase racial progress, to orchestrate war, and to appoint judges and administrative members who share conservative viewpoints. When an administration is selected and not elected, it does not serve the masses."

According to Wiggins, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will remain opposed to the idea of armed conflict regarding the War on Iraq until all other options are examined.

Proposed solutions to the war included awareness, understanding of the situation, protest, and diverting funds to educational programs.

"The more we gather and act to show Bush that we don't want a war, the more pressure we put on him," Taylor said.

Free argued the war is simply a fight for oil, suggested a strike on gas consumption.

"Stop driving your car," he said. "There will be no more problems with oil." Hawkins put forward the idea that the United States should fully demonstrate its concern with matters taking place abroad, and claims that this is America's largest challenge.

"We need to stop monopolizing other countries when they are in their weak moments," Hawkins said.

Throughout the meeting, members of the community openly questioned the panel members.

HBCU Briefs

FAMU Hosts DIR

Chosen as one of 14 colleges and universities in the United States to host a diplomat-in-resident, Florida A&M University has been assigned former Ambassador Sylvia Stanfield for the remainder of 2003. Stanfield, a Foreign Service Officer will work with FAMU to seek out foreign service candidates and develop curriculum at international affairs at several other local universities and colleges.

YMTF Professionals Visit Xavier University

Sixty-three professional consultants will participate in this year's Youth Motivational Task Force program at Xavier University in Louisiana. From Feb. 23-25, stu-

dents will have the opportunity to interact with professionals from the corporate arena as well as microbiology, television production, political positions and several other venues. Sponsored by Verizon Communications, XU career services boasts that this year's program is the largest ever assembled at the university.

Spelman Professor Receives Heinz Award (Feb. 11)

Dr. Bernice Johnson Reagan of Spelman College is one of 6 distinguished individuals in the country to receive the Heinz Award for Arts and Humanities. Reagan, who received her Ph.D. in history at Howard University, is an avid researcher of African American culture and a celebrated gospel vocalist. Created in

1993 by the widow of the late Senator Heinz, The Heinz Family Foundation honors its recipients with a monetary award of \$250,000, who exemplify the best of the human spirit.

ECSU Chancellor Named Outstanding African-American Leader (Feb. 20)

Chancellor Mickey L. Burnim of Elizabeth City State University was recently acknowledged as a prominent educator in the Miller Brewing Company's Gallery of Great 2003 Calendar. The calendar pays tribute to over 200 Afro-American leaders in the areas of politics, journalism, entertainment, athletics, and business. His contributions to ECSU include academic program upgrades, improvements on campus

information technology and, fiscal improvements, and the establishment of the university's first master's degree program in elementary education.

African Americans In the Korean War Conference at Morgan State

From Apr. 16-19, Morgan State University will host the African Americans In The Korean War Conference. The gathering is one of many that will be held across the country this year honoring those who served or lost loved ones during the Korean War from 1950-1953. With the theme "No Longer Forgotten", the conference will focus on the major contributions of Afro-American to the war effort.

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NATION

Your Next President?

Midwest Politician Goes for National Office

By Terez A. Paylor
Hilltop Staff Writer

Just last week Dick Gephardt formally announced his candidacy for President of the United States. Says Gephardt,

"I'll put hard-working Americans first again."

Gephardt was born in 1941 and grew up in St. Louis, Missouri. His father was a truck driver, and his mother a secretary. He went on to graduate from Northwestern University in 1962 with a degree in law, and he followed that up with another law degree from the University of Michigan in 1965.

Shortly thereafter, he started practicing law in Missouri.

After a five-year stint as the city alderman of St. Louis, Gephardt was elected to the U.S. House of Representatives



Long-time Missouri congressional representative, Dick Gephardt, joined the crowded democratic presidential race.

in 1976 where he has served for the last 26 years, and he was

elected by his colleagues in the House to serve as their Majority Leader in 1989.

Generally viewed by political analysts as a straight arrow, Gephardt's platform is based on sensible fiscal policies and social justice.

He supports affirmative action, wants to expand federal jurisdiction over hate crimes and protect the rights of immigrants.

While he worked with President Bush to come up with a resolution on using force against Iraq, Gephardt disagrees with many of the president's policies, the biggest being his economic package.

He has slammed Bush's tax cuts, calling them and proposed that money be used for expanding health care coverage.

This will be the cornerstone of his campaign, as he supports



Gephardt, a politician from Missouri, recently announced his candidacy for the Democratic presidential nomination in 2004.

health insurance for the poor and uninsured.

But, Gephardt has his

detractors.

Members of the Democratic Party are worried about his ability to balance the liberal and moderate members of the party.

He's been called boring, but is known to give a passionate performance.

His floor speech during the Clinton impeachment hearings was

People think he's been around in Congress too long and that he's old.

In his 26 years in Congress, Gephardt has had his share of potential controversies, flip-flops and statements that Republicans will likely exploit.

This whole process is not new to Gephardt. He ran for President in 1988, and won a few states before running out of money and dropping out of the race.

This time around, Gephardt spent years raising funds, and has the best fundraising list of all the Democratic candidates. Gephardt's party members and labor unions are also offering strong backing.

Greenspan: Bush Economics Slowing Economy

By Kristen Howard
Hilltop Staff Writer

Comments made by Alan Greenspan, head of the Federal Reserve, earlier this month went against the grain of Bush's economic stimulus plan.

Greenspan encouraged patience and resolution of pending conflicts as the most effective method for a healthy economy, and not war which he called a "quick fix" that could only lead to "prolonged and deeper deficits."

Greenspan gave a clear and concise assessment of what is going in the economy right now. Bankrate.com, an independent financial consulting group, does some much-needed economic term simplification of Greenspan's comments which were unanimously supported by members of the Federal Reserve.

They interpret Greenspan's analysis of the problem as "a problem of business invest-

ment."

Consumers kept spending during the recession and continue to spend. But businesses are reluctant to hire employees or to invest in new plants and equipment."

Greenspan continued his comments citing the obvious concerns that the American people have about the pending situations in Iraq and N. Korea.

American investors are not only nervous about higher oil prices, there seems to be a general sense of doubt and mistrust in the government and its future plans.

Consumer doubt has led stock prices to levels unseen in at least ten years.

Greenspan advises that the real way to stimulate the economy is through resolutions to these problems and assuaging the fears of the average businessmen.

As government stability increases, investors and businessmen will regain faith in the

economy which equals stimulation.

The economy is stimulated without Bush forcing the government to sign a nearly \$700 billion check that it may prove difficult to cash.

The Fed is in support of economic growth but are most concerned with long-term fiscal security.

They are looking towards economic growth but not so quickly that the consumers are faced with super high inflation.

Republicans responded to this by stating that the Federal Reserve Chairman is wrong. They believe Bush and his financial advisors are more adept at predicting the movements of the economy than the office set-up to do so.

Yahoo! News provides House Majority Leader Tom DeLay's comments.

DeLay said he would "ignore" Greenspan's advice that the cost of any tax cut be covered by raising other rev-

enues or reducing spending.

"He is wrong. He was

Federal Reserve policies during the stock market price surge of



Chairman of the Federal Reserve, Alan Greenspan, has voiced strong opposition to Bush's proposed economic recovery plan. Greenspan's job is to adjust the national interest rates.

wrong back when we were having the bubble and he is wrong now," DeLay said referring to

the late 1990s.

The Fed believes that the economy is recovering right

now without Bush's stimulus package at a rate that is neither too fast nor too slow.

Greenspan's support for Bush's first ten-year tax cut plan was thought by many to be one of the largest factors in its passing.

The democrats were almost simultaneous in their comments of support for Greenspan's statements.

House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi has been a strong opposing voice.

"The president can say all he wants, but the fact is the Bush economic plan in the first two years has been a failure. It has resulted in 2.3 million jobs lost in the private sector," she said.

Greenspan's comments have further stirred the national doubt in Bush's economic policy.

Wife Found Guilty in Benz Murder

Woman Who Ran Over Husband 3 Times Gets 20 Years

By Porsha Summerville
Hilltop Staff Writer

Unlike more than 50 percent of US marriages which end in divorce, Clara Harris' marriage ended in murder.

Earlier this month she was found guilty of using or exhibiting a deadly weapon - her Mercedes Benz.

The Houston, Texas woman ran her husband over with her car and received 20 years for her trouble.

Some called Harris' actions "sudden passion" when killing her husband after she found him with his lover.

Howard students voiced their opinions and thoughts on what they would have done in this situation.

Thirty students were and a little over half of them concluded that Harris' actions were irrational.

Sophomore, Shakeema Lewis said, "I think that killing her husband was irrational because it is not that serious. There are plenty more fish in the sea, but I can understand

her emotions causing her to over react to her husband's infidelity."

Junior, India Jackson disagreed.

"Clara Harris did what any other hurt woman would have



An emblem like this mounted the hood of the Mercedes that Clara Harris used to run over her unfaithful husband.

done if put in that predicament. She ran him over. It's a shame that he died but he paid a huge price for cheating, unfortunately."

Harris faced the possibility of spending the rest of her life in prison.

Even though this was a murder trial, another option for Harris might have been parole without jail time.

Instead she received 20 years.

Two-thirds of the students felt that life in prison was too much for her crime. Other students felt that Mrs. Harris was getting what she deserved.

Junior, Preston Nelson said, "Clara Harris definitely deserves what she is getting because it was not that serious to kill your husband for cheating... If she can not control her emotions then she does not need to be amongst society."

Though none of the students surveyed admitted to physically hurting their boyfriend or girlfriend. Almost 75 percent of the students surveyed admitted to either cheating or being cheated on.

Of that 75 percent almost half of them admitted to dam-

aging or having property of theirs damaged by their boyfriend or girlfriend.

"I think females sometimes allow their emotions to get the best of them," said sophomore Brandon Johns.

"One time a girl thought I was cheating on her and she decided to slash my tires and tore my license plate off."

Senior, Sureme Lester Bay, admitted to being cheated on. "I don't think damaging anyone's property, or hurting them is the right thing to do," said Bay.

Of course people think about it but in the long run it is not worth it. If someone is cheating obviously that person is not meant for you."

Sophomore, Torrie Williams said, "She's not God and did not have the right to take her husband's life. If I were her I would have thrown him out and sued him for everything that he had. I definitely would not have run him over or even thought of killing him, I think that is a little crazy."

Study: Fine Arts, Self-Esteem Linked

By Chantel Harley
Contributing Writer

A recent report states that those who go into artistic careers often have low self-esteem.

Dealing with criticism, the media, and the height of success, most people think that fine arts students have problems with sustaining a high level of self-esteem.

In the fine arts department, students find that it is a necessity to have high self-esteem and confidence in oneself.

Freshman musical theater major, Lauren Ware said, "Oh no, we can't have low self-esteem."

"They'll eat you alive. You will get chewed up everyday," Ware said.

And in order to continue developing their craft, fine arts students must accept criticism. "I welcome criticism

because it helps with self-assessment," says Isaiah Johnson, junior musical theater major.

According to Johnson, it all depends on the intent.

Some criticize out of love and their desire to see the artist grow and become better while others just want to put the other down which is "not cool."

Most fine arts students agree that they all have areas they need to work on.

Therapy through the arts just allows them to dig deeper and discover the depths of their creativity.

According to the Chair of the Department of Fine Arts, Professor Henri Edmonds, art is a positive force.

"To be an artist, one must first have talent and be able to focus," Edmonds said.

Reka Robinson said that besides art, "Nothing else needs Reka and there is nothing else I need."





U.S., Allies Produce New Resolution

By Kristen M. Howard
Hilltop Staff Writer

The United States and her allies Britain and Spain have returned to their tasks of pushing against Saddam Hussein's regime by drafting a new resolution to the United Nations Security Council.

The resolution will provide for United Nations compliance with a more aggressive plan of action.

This new resolution has a preamble of 11 paragraphs, which uses for support resolution 1441 which was affirmed by the Security Council on November 8, 2002.

The new resolution says that the Security Council "decides that Iraq has failed to take the final opportunity afforded to it in resolution 1441."

This resolution warns of "serious consequences" but, as noted by The New York Times reporter Timothy L. O'Brien, the resolution also stops short of requesting "all necessary means" to force Iraq to comply.

All necessary means is the official government term calling for war.

Following the tide that this new resolution brings in, Turkey's government agreed on Monday to host US combat troops for a "northern front" against Iraq.

ABCNews.com reports that before the resolution is adopted or rejected Saddam faces a test on whether or not he will

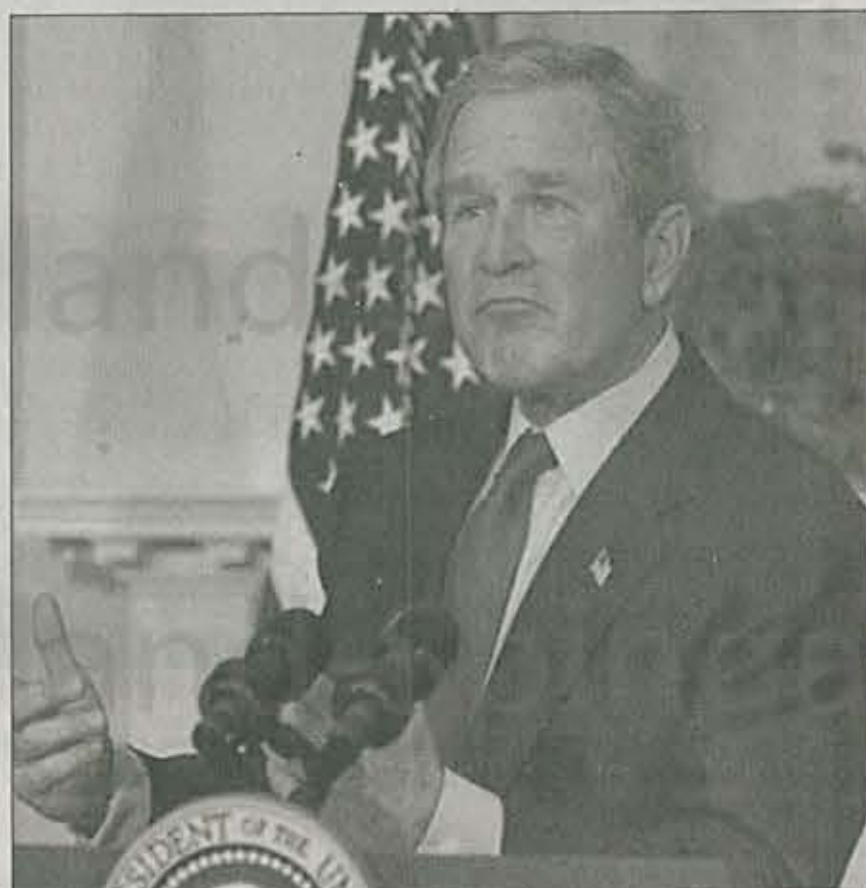


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President Bush, as well as the Prime Minister of Great Britain, Tony Blair (not pictured) and leaders from Spain concocted a new UN resolution to deal with the rising conflict between the US and Iraq.

destroy dozens of missiles and their component parts by March 1 as ordered February 21 by Hans Blix, the United Nations' chief inspector for biological and chemical weapons.

Destruction of the Al-Samoud 2 missiles, which have a range that exceeds U.N. limits of 93 miles, would be a blow to Iraq as it prepares for a possible invasion by U.S. forces.

Hussein claims, in an interview, which aired Wednesday February 26 on CBS 60 Minutes II, with Dan Rather, that these missiles do not exceed U.N. limits, but were tested without the war-head and guidance components.

The resolution will fight an uphill battle and will have to use some pretty smooth moves to dance around a possible veto

by France, Russia or China.

To pass, the resolution must have nine "yes" votes. Only Bulgaria is considered a strong bet to support the U.S.-British-Spanish plan.

O'Brien acknowledges the obvious fact that poor African nations such as Angola, Guinea and Cameroon "whose name no one knew and issues were nonexistent before they became members of the Security Council" will be wooed by the strong lobbying powers on both sides.

Russia also issued a strongly worded statement Monday saying it will use its "entire arsenal of diplomatic means" to reach a peaceful solution.

The New York Times quotes President Bush's address to the National Governors' Association on Monday February 24.

"We're going to work with the members of the Security Council in the days ahead to make it clear to Saddam that the demands of the world and the United Nations will be enforced," the president said.

"One way or the other, Saddam Hussein, for the sake of peace and for the security of the American people, will be disarmed."

U.S. Ambassador John Negroponte said the only way

Iraq can avoid serious consequences now is to demonstrate "a major, drastic, dramatic change in the attitude that that government has displayed towards the issue of disarming itself of weapons of mass destruction."

According to O'Brien, Blix, the United Nations' chief inspector, has been unclear in his reporting on the progress of the inspections.

One day he is criticizing Iraq for non-compliance and the next he claims that progress is being made, say opponents.

Over the weekend Mr. Blix and his counterpart for nuclear inspections, Mohamed ElBaradei, took a strong stance against Baghdad, arguing that Iraq is failing to provide complete responses to questions about its weapons programs.

Yahoo! News reports that fears of war pushed stock prices sharply lower in most of the world's major financial markets after the resolution was circulated on Monday.

Things continued to take a turn for the worse as the dollar fell against the euro, and crude oil and gold futures jumped in New York.

With Bush putting pressure on the Security Council to decide on the resolution by mid-March, the future of our nation hangs in the balance and the scales are weighing light on the side for peace and heavy on the violence.

Howard Group Working for a Cleaner Campus, World

Where can you find V.I.P. passes and club special promotional cards, fliers, candy and gum wrappers?

The answer: at your feet as you cross Howard University's campus.

It can be difficult to ignore the debris dancing with the wind in front of the Human Ecology Building. Fortunately, for the Howard University community, we adapt and overcome with ease.

However, in all fairness, this apathy is not shared by all Howard students. Some concerned students have authored pieces in The Hilltop addressing this very issue. But beyond man-made environmental concerns, what about the state of the natural world around us?

Many of us may remember, within the last three weeks, walking outdoors in the afternoon bundled up against the elements, and finding that the weather was mild and almost balmy. The reprieve from the cold was

World-Wide Comedy Corner

With so much talk of war, I think it's important that we don't forget to smile sometimes.

So, there's a man named Bush and a man named Saddam. They don't much like each other...Someone wrote a song about it. Like to hear it, here it goes.

- Amber Mobley, Nation & World Editor

'Bomb Iraq'

(Sing to the tune of "If You're Happy and You Know It")

If you cannot find Osama, bomb Iraq.
If the markets are a drama, bomb Iraq.

If the terrorists are frisky,
Pakistan is looking shifty,
North Korea is too risky. Bomb Iraq.

If we have no allies with us, bomb Iraq.
If we think someone has dissed us, bomb Iraq.

So to hell with the inspections,
Let's look tough for the elections,
Close your mind and take directions. Bomb Iraq.

It's "pre-emptive non-aggression", bomb Iraq.
Let's prevent this mass destruction, bomb Iraq.

They've got weapons we can't see,
And that's good enough for me,
'Cuz it's all the proof I need. Bomb Iraq.

If you never were elected, bomb Iraq.
If your mood is quite dejected, bomb Iraq.

If you think Saddam's gone mad,
With the weapons that he had,
(And he tried to kill your dad). Bomb Iraq.

If your corporate fraud is growin', bomb Iraq.
If your ties to it are showin', bomb Iraq.

If your politics are sleazy,
And hiding that ain't easy,
And your manhood's getting queasy. Bomb Iraq.

Fall in line and follow orders, bomb Iraq.
For our might knows not our borders, bomb Iraq.

Disagree? We'll call it treason,
Let's make war not love this season,
Even if we have no reason. Bomb Iraq.



US Troops to Deploy to Philippines

By Porsha Summerville
Hilltop Staff Writer

A meeting in Honolulu on Monday was organized to clarify the deployment of U.S. troops to the Philippines.

The Philippine defense secretary and the commander of the U.S. Pacific Command met in order to discuss and organize what role the U.S. would play in the Philippines.

U.S. troops are already present in Afghanistan, Iraq, Kuwait and Turkey, and now President Bush is planning to send 1,700 U.S. troops to the Philippines within the next few weeks.

The controversy lies in rather the U.S. forces will serve in a combat or training manner once deployed.

The government plans to deploy combat troops to engage the extremist Abu Sayyaf group. U.S. soldiers hope to assist in finding the Muslim kidnappers as well as the hostages - two Americans and one Filipino.

Because the Philippines constitution bans the presence of foreign troops with the intent to engage in combat, the U.S. Ambassador Francis Ricciardone has assured the Philippines government that the U.S. will respect their laws in the deployment of U.S. troops.

The U.S. has termed the Abu Sayyaf group as Muslim kidnappers and international terrorist since intelligence reports linked the group to Osama Bin Laden.

In efforts to rescue the hostages, U.S. troops arrived



FILE PHOTO

U.S. and Filipino troops are collaborating against a Muslim extremist group in the Philippines.

on a southern island of the Philippines called Basilan a few weeks ago in efforts to train Filipino troops.

Major controversy took place when U.S. troops arrived in the Philippines last year. The Filipino Supreme Court ruled a joint counterterrorism exercise as legal. But emphasized that law prohibited U.S. troops from engaging in combat during the operation.

In the beginning of the month Pentagon planners organized a program to counter the Abu Sayyaf group.

This proposal would allow U.S. troops to be on the front lines. The proposal was presented to President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo and senior government officials.

This mission will be a

combat operation that will create a situation where American and Philippine troops will serve side by side according to military officials.

"The Philippines have a terrorist problem, and we have offered our assistance," said a senior Pentagon official last Thursday said. "Over time, that assistance takes different shapes and forms. The Philippines have invited us to expand our role with them."

Yet, Philippine officials continue to insist that U.S. troops will serve only as trainers in the field.

During a radio interview, President Arroyo's spokesman said the government would reject the United States involvement in any combat role.

H.U.E.S.

Howard University
Environmental Society

embraced around campus as some students were seen sporting thinner jackets instead of their winter coats.

This break from the frosty winter scene, though brief, was long enough to offer a stark contrast to the weather of recent days. Classes were officially cancelled and businesses city-wide shut down as the inches of snow turned into feet.

Hopefully the extremes of weather and climate will not be all that we take notice of in relation to the environment. Though the weather can be observed just by turning on the television, looking out of the window, or stepping outside, becoming aware of our community and the global environment may need to be a more active pursuit.

Beginning with this column, the Howard University Environmental Society (H.U.E.S.) would like to encourage campus-wide awareness of environmental issues, and to offer a broader view of what is happening to the air, water, plant and animal life around the world that each of us depends on for our survival.

Taking an interest in the environment might not seem as exciting as hitting the club on a Saturday night, but it may prove to be a huge mistake for us to belittle the importance of being environmentally conscious here on Howard University's campus.

HEALTH & FITNESS

Health Facts

By Leesa Davis
Health and Fitness Editor

Almost everyday on the news, reports concerning health are constantly changing. So, how should you know the real deal about some of the foods you eat? Health experts decide to respond to some lingering questions.



Dairy Foods

What Most People Believe: Many people — particularly women — associate dairy foods with sodium and calories.

What's Actually True: According to The Food and Nutrition Board, an agency within The National Academy of Sciences, in their most recent update, the ideal milligram (mg) intake is 1,200.

Dairy products like milk contain magnesium, zinc, protein, and Vitamin A and D (just to name a few of its nutrients). Dairy foods including cheese and yogurt lower risk of colon cancer.

Allan Johnson, Professor and Chairman of the Department of Nutritional Sciences at Howard University said ice cream is also a source of calcium. "Sardines and canned salmon are other sources of calcium but dairy products such as milk and ice cream are the best sources," Johnson said.

Multivitamins are also good, according to Walter Willett, Ph.D., M.D. chair of the department of nutrition at Harvard School of Medicine. "A daily multivitamin will help the body to get enough vitamins B6 and B12, which may prevent heart disease, and contains Vitamin D, which protects your bones."

Bottom Line: Lack of calcium not only causes weak bones, which can cause osteoporosis, but can also lead to kidney stones, body spasms, and seizures.



Carbohydrates

What Most People Believe: Foods like bread and rice cakes supply energy without fat so you will be less likely to gain extra weight.

What's Actually True: Some carbohydrates are healthier than others. Most carbohydrates should come from whole grains, fruits, and vegetables, which reduce risk of diabetes and high blood

Men With Stress Likely To Have Heart Disease

By Erica Williams
Hilltop Staff Writer

A study published in the Jan./Feb. issue of Psychosomatic Medicine found healthy men with moderate levels of anger expression had a lower risk of heart attack and stroke compared to men who did not show their anger.

Another study conducted by doctors at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine concluded that men who become angry in response to stress are more likely to develop heart disease and suffer from heart attacks earlier in life than their calmer counterparts.

The latter study consisted of a group of over 1,000 men between the ages of 32-48. Men who were classified as having the highest level of anger reported experiencing expressed or concealed anger, irritability, and participation in gripe sessions in a questionnaire they filled out as young adults.

Over the years, the incidence of cardiovascular disease, including heart attacks,

was monitored in the group. This study, published in the April 2002 issue of Archives of Internal Medicine, revealed that the group with highest levels of anger in response to stress were more than three times as likely to develop premature heart disease when compared with their less angry colleagues and over six times more likely to have a heart attack by age 55.

Anger is known to stimulate the release of the hormones epinephrine and norepinephrine, which are part of the body's "fight" response to severe stress or threats. These hormones increase heart rate and blood pressure and contract blood vessels, all of which can reduce blood flow to the heart.

One of the most important ways to keep blood pressure and heart rate from rising is to learn and practice effective anger management strategies.

Jackie Carson, a doctor at the Georgetown University Medical Center says practicing anger and stress management skills is essential to everyone's health. She also notes that

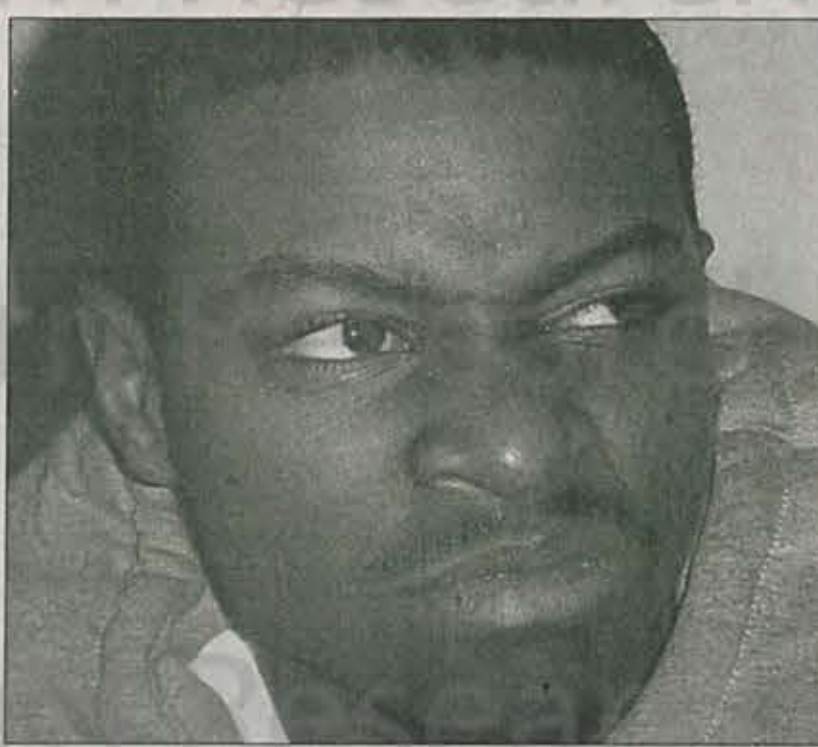


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This young man seems to be having a hard time coping with his feelings. Lots of men have this problem, some deal better than others.

management skills can be discovered through counseling, books, or tapes.

Lewis Latter of the Howard University Psychiatry Department agrees that expressing your anger is

important but only when you know how to express yourself effectively. "Men tend to hold a lot of emotions inside and when they are expressed, they may be of belligerent nature," he says. "The key is to express

your anger but in a positive way."

Latter said, "After learning effective anger and stress management skills, find the one that best suits you because everyone has different interests. What works for one person may not necessarily fit the next."

Sophomore business major, Gary Boston admits that when he is stressed or angry he sits in his room and listens to soothing music. His stress management is quite different from Sophomore Cubie Coleman's who says working the turntables as a disc jockey is the best relief for him when dealing with anger or stress.

Latter notes that it does not matter what an individual does to release anger or stress as long as it is positive. This illustrates that positive anger or stress relief is essential to men's health. Simply performing effective stress and anger management skills could decrease the chances of premature heart attacks and diseases.

Recipe of the Week

Ingredients

- 1 (6 ounce) package uncooked spaghetti
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup milk
- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 (10 ounce) package frozen chopped spinach
- 1/2 (14 ounce) can artichoke hearts, drained and chopped
- 1 (8 ounce) package shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 4 tablespoons grated Parmesan cheese, divided
- salt and pepper to taste
- paprika to taste

Directions

- Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C).
- Bring a large pot of lightly salted water to a boil. Add pasta and cook for 8 to 10 minutes or until al dente; drain.
- In a 2 quart casserole dish whisk together egg, milk, and sour cream. Using a wooden spoon stir in spinach, artichoke hearts, Monterey Jack cheese, 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese, cooked spaghetti, salt, and pepper, mix well. Sprinkle with paprika and remaining 2 tablespoons Parmesan cheese.
- Cover and bake for 15 minutes. Remove cover and bake for another 15 minutes. Let stand 2 minutes before serving.

Recipe serves 4 Has 519 calories per serving

Nutrition fact:

Spinach is an iron rich food. The mineral iron is an essential nutrient for humans. It is found in small amounts in every cell in the body. It is an important component of hemoglobin, the molecule in red blood cells that carries oxygen. Although iron is needed in small amounts and is readily available in many types of foods, it is the most common dietary deficiency in the world.



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Faces of Black Science: Dr. Ben Carson

By Keila Foster
Contributing Writer

Ever since he was a child, Ben Carson always knew he would become a doctor. Born on September 18, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan, his childhood journey was filled with poverty, poor grades in school, and a violent temper. His mother only had a third-grade education but challenged him to strive for excellence. Carson rose from the bottom to the top of his class. His achievements earned him academic scholarships to Yale University for undergraduate studies and the University of Michigan School of Medicine for his medical degree.

In addition to numerous honors and awards, Carson

has other achievements including more than 20 honorary doctorate degrees. He sits on the board of directors for numerous organizations such as the Kellogg Company, the Yale Corporation, which is the governing body of Yale University, and America's Promise. Carson is president and co-founder of the Carson Scholars Fund, which recognizes young people of all backgrounds for exceptional academic and humanitarian accomplishments.

Ben Carson has been Director of the Division of Pediatric Neurosurgery at Johns Hopkins since 1984. He is a professor of plastic surgery, oncology, neurosurgery, and pediatrics. Carson is also the Co-Director



of the Johns Hopkins Craniofacial Center.

He is known for leading a world-renowned medical team that separated West German conjoined twins in 1987 as well as leading a team of South African doctors in

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Depo-Provera[®] Contraceptive Injection

medroxyprogesterone acetate injectable suspension

DEPO-PROVERA[®] Contraceptive Injection (medroxyprogesterone acetate injectable suspension, USP)

This product is intended to prevent pregnancy. It does not protect against HIV infection (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases.

What is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is a form of birth control that is given as an intramuscular injection (a shot) in the buttock or upper arm every 3 months (13 weeks). To continue your contraceptive protection, you must return for your next injection promptly at the end of 3 months (13 weeks). DEPO-PROVERA contains medroxyprogesterone acetate, a chemical similar to (but not the same as) the natural hormone progesterone, which is produced by your ovaries during the second half of your menstrual cycle. DEPO-PROVERA acts by preventing your egg cells from ripening. If an egg is not released from the ovaries during your menstrual cycle, it cannot become fertilized by sperm and result in pregnancy. DEPO-PROVERA also causes changes in the lining of your uterus that make it less likely for pregnancy to occur.

How effective is DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?
The efficacy of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection depends on following the recommended dosage schedule exactly (see "How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?" on page 2). If you are not "on time" for your next injection, you may not be protected. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection, your first injection must be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. ONLY within the first 5 days after childbirth if not breast-feeding, and if exclusively breast-feeding ONLY at the sixth week after childbirth. It is a long-term, reversible, contraceptive when administered at 3-month (13-week) intervals. DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection is over 99% effective, making it one of the most reliable methods of birth control available. This means that the average annual pregnancy rate is less than one for every 100 women who use DEPO-PROVERA. The effectiveness of most contraceptive methods depends in part on how reliably each woman uses the method. The effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA depends only on the patient returning every 3 months (13 weeks) for her next injection. Your health-care provider will help you compare DEPO-PROVERA with other contraceptive methods and give you the information you need in order to decide which contraceptive method is the right choice for you.

The following table shows the percent of women who got pregnant while using different kinds of contraceptive methods. It gives both the lowest expected rate of pregnancy (the rate expected in women who use each method exactly as it should be used) and the typical rate of pregnancy (which includes women who became pregnant because they forgot to use their birth control or because they did not follow the directions exactly).

Percent of Women Experiencing an Unplanned Pregnancy in the First Year of Continuous Use		
Method	Lowest Expected	Typical
DEPO-PROVERA	0.3	0.7
Intrauterine device (IUD)	0.2*	0.2*
Female sterilization	0.2	0.4
Hormonal contraception (pill)	0.1	0.15
Oral contraceptive (pill)	0.1	0.3
Condom	0.1	0.3
Progestogen only	0.5	0.5
IUD	0.2	0.3
Progestogen	2.0	3.0
Copper T 380A	0.8	0.8
Condom (without spermicide)	2	12
Diaphragm (with spermicide)	6	18
Condom (with spermicide)	8	18
Withdrawal	8	18
Periodic abstinence	18	20
Spermicide alone	3	21
Vaginal sponge	9	26
Used before/during/after intercourse	9	26
Used after/during/after intercourse	26	26

Source: Trussard et al. *Diaphragm* 1990;76:338-347.

*From Paragard[®] package insert.

Who should not use DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Not all women should use DEPO-PROVERA. You should not use DEPO-PROVERA if you have any of the following conditions:

- if you think you might be pregnant
- if you have any vaginal bleeding without a known reason

Birth control you think about just 4 x a year.

- if you have had cancer of the breast
- if you have or have had blood clots (phlebitis) in your legs
- if you have problems with your liver or liver disease
- if you are allergic to DEPO-PROVERA (medroxyprogesterone acetate) or any of its other ingredients

What other things should I consider before using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

- You will have a physical examination before your doctor prescribes DEPO-PROVERA. It is important to tell your health-care provider if you have any of the following:
 - a family history of breast cancer
 - an abnormal mammogram (breast x-ray), fibrocystic breast disease, breast nodules or lumps, or bleeding from your nipples
 - kidney disease
 - irregular or painful menstrual periods
 - high blood pressure
 - migraine headaches
 - anemia
 - epilepsy (convulsions or seizures)
 - diabetes or a family history of diabetes
 - a history of depression
- if you are taking any prescription or over-the-counter medications

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transmission of HIV (AIDS) and other sexually transmitted diseases such as

chlamydia, genital herpes, genital warts, gonorrhea, hepatitis B, and syphilis.

What if I want to become pregnant after using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

Because DEPO-PROVERA is a long-acting birth control method, it takes some time after your last injection for its effect to wear off. Based on the results from a large study done in the United States, for women who stop using DEPO-PROVERA in order to become pregnant, it is expected that about half of those who become pregnant will do so in about 10 months after their last injection; about two thirds of those who become pregnant will do so in about 12 months; about 83% of those who become pregnant will do so in about 18 months after their last injection. The length of time you use DEPO-PROVERA has no effect on how long it takes you to become pregnant after you stop using it.

What are the risks of using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The side effect reported most frequently by women who use DEPO-PROVERA for contraception is a change in their normal menstrual cycle. During the first year of using DEPO-PROVERA, you might have one or more of the following changes: irregular or unpredictable bleeding; spotting; an increase or decrease in menstrual bleeding; or no bleeding at all. Unusually heavy or prolonged bleeding following a not usual effect of DEPO-PROVERA, and if this happens, you should see your health-care provider right away. With continued use of DEPO-PROVERA, bleeding usually decreases, and many women stop having periods completely. In clinical studies of DEPO-PROVERA, 35% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding (amenorrhea) after 1 year of use, and 68% of the women studied reported no menstrual bleeding after 2 years of use. The reason that your periods stop is because DEPO-PROVERA causes a change in your ovaries. When your ovaries do not release an egg monthly, the regular monthly growth of the lining of your uterus does not take place. When you stop using DEPO-PROVERA, your menstrual period will usually return to its normal cycle.

Use of DEPO-PROVERA may be associated with a decrease in the amount of mineral stored in your bones. The study showed your risk of developing bone fractures. The rate of bone mineral loss is greatest in the early years of DEPO-PROVERA use, but after that, it begins to resemble the normal rate of age-related bone mineral loss.

Studies of women who have used different forms of contraception found that women who used DEPO-PROVERA for contraception had no increased overall risk of developing cancer of the breast, ovary, uterus, cervix, or liver. However, women under 35 years of age whose first exposure to DEPO-PROVERA was within the previous 4 to 5 years may have a slightly increased risk of developing breast cancer similar to that seen with oral contraceptives. You should discuss this with your health-care provider.

Because DEPO-PROVERA is such an effective contraceptive method, the risk of accidental pregnancy for women who get their shots regularly (every 3 months (13 weeks)) is very low. When there have been reports of an increased risk of low birth weight and neonatal infant death or other health problems in infants conceived close to the time of injection, such pregnancies are uncommon. If you think you may have become pregnant while using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, use your health-care provider as soon as possible.

Allergic Reactions

Some women using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection have reported severe and potentially life-threatening allergic reactions known as anaphylaxis and anaphylactoid reactions. Symptoms include the sudden onset of hives or swelling and itching of the skin, breathing difficulties, and a drop in blood pressure.

Other Risks
Women who use hormone-based contraceptives may have an increased risk of blood clots or stroke. Also, if a contraceptive method fails, there is a possibility that the fertilized egg will begin to develop outside of the uterus (ectopic pregnancy). While these events are rare, you should tell your health-care provider if you have any of the problems listed in the next section.

What symptoms may signal problems while using DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

- Call your health-care provider immediately if any of these problems occur following an injection of DEPO-PROVERA:
 - sharp chest pain, coughing up blood, or sudden shortness of breath (indicating a possible clot in the lung)
 - sudden severe headache or vomiting, dizziness or fainting, problems with your weight or speech, weakness or numbness in an arm or leg (indicating a possible stroke)
 - severe pain or swelling in the calf (indicating a possible clot in the leg)
 - unusually heavy vaginal bleeding
 - severe pain or tenderness in the lower abdominal area
 - persistent pain (not at the injection site)

What are the possible side effects of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1 Weight Gain
You may experience a weight gain while you are using DEPO-PROVERA. About two thirds of the women who used DEPO-PROVERA in clinical trials reported a weight gain of about 3 pounds during the first year of use. You may continue to gain weight after the first year. Women in one large study who used DEPO-PROVERA for 2 years gained an average total of 8.1 pounds over those 2 years, or approximately 4 pounds per year. Women who continued for 4 years gained an average total of 13.8 pounds over those 4 years, or approximately 3.5 pounds per year. Women who continued for 6 years gained an average total of 16.5 pounds over those 6 years, or approximately 2.75 pounds per year.

2 Other Side Effects
In a clinical study of over 3,900 women who used DEPO-PROVERA for up to 7 years, some women reported the following effects that may or may not have been related to their use of DEPO-PROVERA: irregular menstrual bleeding, amenorrhea, headache, nervousness, abdominal cramps, dizziness, weakness or fatigue, decreased sexual desire, leg cramps, nausea, vaginal discharge or irritation, breast swelling and tenderness, bloating, swelling of the hands or feet, backache, depression, insomnia, acne, pelvic pain, no hair growth or excessive hair loss, rash, hot flashes, and joint pain. Other problems were reported by very few of the women in the clinical trial, but some of these could be serious. These include convulsions, jaundice, urinary tract infections, allergic reactions, fainting, paralysis, osteoporosis, lack of return to fertility, deep vein thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, breast cancer or cervical cancer. If you have any other problems or concerns, discuss them with your health-care provider.

Should any precautions be followed during use of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

1 Missed Periods
During the time you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception, you may skip a period, or your periods may stop completely. If you have been receiving your DEPO-PROVERA injections regularly every 3 months (13 weeks), then you are probably not pregnant. However, if you think that you may be pregnant, see your health-care provider.

2 Laboratory Test Interference
If you are scheduled for any laboratory tests, tell your health-care provider that you are using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception. Certain blood tests are affected by hormones such as DEPO-PROVERA.

3 Drug Interactions
Cytarabine (antimetabolite) is an anticancer drug that may significantly decrease the effectiveness of DEPO-PROVERA. If the two drugs are given during the same time.

4 Nursing Mothers
Although DEPO-PROVERA can be passed to the nursing infant in the breast milk, no harmful effects have been found in these children. DEPO-PROVERA does not prevent the breasts from producing milk, so it can be used by nursing mothers. However, to minimize the amount of DEPO-PROVERA that is passed to the infant in the first weeks after birth, you should wait until 6 weeks after childbirth before you start using DEPO-PROVERA for contraception.

How often do I get my shot of DEPO-PROVERA Contraceptive Injection?

The recommended dose of DEPO-PROVERA is 150 mg every 3 months (13 weeks) given in a single intramuscular injection in the buttock or upper arm. To make sure that you are not pregnant at the time of the first injection, it is essential that the injection be given ONLY during the first 5 days of a normal menstrual period. If used following the delivery of a child, the first injection of DEPO-PROVERA MUST be given within 5 days after childbirth (you are not breast-feeding or exclusively breast-feeding). If you wait longer than 5 weeks (13 weeks) between injections, or longer than 6 weeks after delivery, your health-care provider should determine that you are not pregnant before giving you your injection of DEPO-PROVERA.

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NEWS

New Housing Policy Released, Deadline Today

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points to their total. Freshmen/rising sophomores (0-29 credit hours) receive 10 points. Sophomores/rising juniors (30-59) earn six points, while Juniors/rising seniors (60-89) earn eight points, two points more than a sophomore/rising junior. Seniors/continuing (89-above) receive the minimum of four points.

The new system rewards student for community service as well as campus involvement, but there is a 10-point maximum. In order to receive credit points students must have proof of membership to recognized university organizations; two points will be added per organization. The same applies to community

service-students who have proof of involvement in community service projects will receive two points for each. Employment also earns points.

Students who supply evidence of employment also receive two points for each job. Written verification is mandatory for campus involvement, community service as well as employment and must be on official letterhead. The deadline for the letters is today.

Points can be deducted for violations. Students with documented disciplinary action sanctioned by Hall Judiciary or by the Office of Residence Life will reduction of minus two points for each infraction.

Director of On Campus Housing, Charles Gibbs says that students will be assigned specific days to select housing.

"Based on the accumulation

of points as provided from Banner individuals with the highest amount of points out of (50) will be able to register first and this will continue down the line," Gibbs said. "Individuals with points less than fifty will register accordingly based on their total number of points until all rooms available have been selected."

Gibbs said one of the most exciting things about implementing the new process was the student input. The Dean's Advisory Council composing of representatives from all the residence halls weighed in on the new policy.

"The student committee that was formulated to do the research and make a recommendation to the Office of Residence Life researched a number of University and College's housing selection process," Gibbs said. "One of the things they found out during this

research is that no one process was the same. Therefore, creating a system out of the research that would work best for our students."

Howard University Student Association Cornell Williamson said he was initially skeptical of the new system.

"I was reserved about the point system because I thought students who did not have the highest GPA and the who are not as active would not be housed," Williamson said. "But, my reservation was settled by the Dean of Residence Life when he told me all students who participated in RSVP will be housed. It is not a case of if they [students] will be housed, but their points earned determine their choice of residence hall."

Students will begin selecting their housing assignments starting March 24.



FILE PHOTO

Interim Dean of Residence Life, Franklin Chambers, enacted the new housing policy now in effect.

9:30 Clubbers Affect Parking for Towers Residents



PHOTO BY MAYA GILLIAM

The 9:30 Club attracts a large number of people. With the club being located so close to the Towers, many student's parking places are being taken over.

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problems when the 9:30 Club opens its doors and closes its parking lot.

Working students find it an issue when coming home in the evening, and are forced to find parking spaces on the street. Street parking can result in frustrating irony, students having received parking tickets when others have illegally parked in their \$120-a-year spaces.

Towers resident Regina Rivers had a lot of problems when using lots behind the Towers. She

is one of the unlucky students who have been forced to park on the street or in the circular driveway behind the Towers, only to receive parking ticket after parking ticket.

"[People from the 9:30 Club] park there, thinking it's okay, and when students come home, they are the ones who end up fined for violations." She also said that campus police have not done anything to help the situation.

Graduate student Jermaine Perkins said that campus police usually patrol parking during the day, but do not regularly check the lots in the evening.

A few 9:30 patrons can be sympathetic to Howard students' needs.

"They're college students," one man said. "They need their spots."

Still, more drive past asking if they will be charged to park there. When told no, they pull in, ignoring the "permit only" sign. Campus police eventually drive past, only to disappear into an underground Towers parking lot.

Club-goers still see no threat, until rumor spreads that they will be towed.

"A friend of mine who works here told me I'll get my car

towed," one girl said, who pulled out to find another space.

Three cars follow behind her. Soon, only a few cars without permits are left in the lot, one driven by high school student Suzanna Goldblatt.

"I usually take the metro," she says. "But I've parked here before and it's only been a problem once."

Oddly, Goldblatt is carrying an unwound wire coat-hanger. She is attempting to break into her own car because she has locked her keys inside. "I guess this is karma kicking me in the butt."

HOWARD UNIVERSITY 2003 RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS WEEK THE SPIRITUAL AND ETHICAL DIMENSIONS OF LEADERSHIP

SUNDAY, MARCH 2, 2003

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Service

Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie, *Presiding Prelate*
18th Episcopal District A.M.E. Church, South Africa
Cramton Auditorium

MONDAY, MARCH 3, 2003

8:45—9:00 a.m.

University Morning Prayer

Rankin Chapel

7:00 p.m.

Unity through Faith and Fellowship

Presented by the Religious Fellowship Council
The Blackburn Center Restaurant
Reception to Follow

TUESDAY, MARCH 4, 2003

8:45—9:00 a.m.

University Morning Prayer

Rankin Chapel

12:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion

The Middle East: The Religion and Faith Factor
Ralph Bunche Center

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5, 2003

8:45—9:00 a.m.

University Morning Prayer

Rankin Chapel

7:30 p.m.

Dr. Cornel West, *University Professor of Religion*

Princeton University, Princeton, New Jersey
Rankin Chapel

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2003

8:45—9:00 a.m.

University Morning Prayer

Rankin Chapel

7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Live on Thursday

Rankin Chapel

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2003

8:45—9:00 a.m.

University Morning Prayer

Rankin Chapel

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NEWS

Studies Show AIDS Vaccine Works Better on Minorities

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terms of their demographics," said junior, Health Management major, Tia McKinney.

If future test results are consistent with researcher's hypothesis, it could prove to be the basis for developing an HIV vaccine.

Experts think a vaccine is the only way to stop the worldwide AIDS epidemic, which has already claimed the lives of 20 million people and infected upwards 40 million more, according to statistics produced by the AP.

"People should always be cognizant of that, and in the case of AIDS, if one has engaged in activity that might cause them to test positive for the HIV virus, I would implore them to go and be tested, said Junior, Biology

major, Tiffany Norwood. "As with anything, FREE is always good, and it's even better when you can and do take advantage of it."

Sadly however, print media companies have reported the "failure" of the vaccine. While the research reports a poor response for the majority population with regards to genetic response to the virus, the response to minority participants was statistically higher.

Approximately 5,400 people volunteered for the study, none of whom were infected with HIV or AIDS at the time. 5,100 of the volunteers were gay men; the other 300 volunteers were women who were considered at high risk of infection through sexual contact.

A third of the volunteers were given a series of seven placebo injections over the

course of seven years, while the other two-thirds were injected with the vaccine. In the overall population of volunteers, 5.8 percent of those who received the placebo became infected, compared with 5.7 percent of those who received the vaccine.

The FDA previously stated that it would consider approving the vaccine if it were 30 percent effective, but the reduction of

infection among the entire sample of volunteers, including minorities, was 3.8 percent.

Dr. Jose Esparza, the leading vaccine expert at the United Nations AIDS agency, said he was encouraged by the results of the testing, despite its failure.

"This is the first demonstration of protection in humans, and one of the most significant findings in HIV vaccine research in many years," Esparza said.

Asserting it was urgent to conduct more vaccine trials

in places such as Africa, researchers salvaged the failed third stage of the vaccine testing — the final stage reserved for products before being marketed — and focused on the statistically significant reduction of HIV infection in minority groups.

Trial data indicate that black and Asian volunteers appeared to produce higher levels of antibodies against HIV. White and Hispanic volunteers appeared to develop consistently lower levels of protective antibodies following vaccination," according to VaxGen.

In blacks, the researchers said the vaccine was 78.3 percent effective, but of all the people in the trial there were only 314 blacks.

Blacks account for half of all new HIV infections in the United States, according to government figures.

VaxGen said it planned to continue developing a vaccine and will examine more closely why it worked better in African Americans and Asians than whites and Hispanics, according to The Associated Press.

VaxGen researchers have started comparing the blood serum of those who were protected by the vaccine with those who weren't to try to find out what happened in the body to protect those who were protected.

The results of the vaccine have produced promising developments in studies regarding ethnic differences in response to the vaccine.

Research and information compiled from the Associated Press, the New England Journal of Medicine and The New York Times.

Jacques Purvis Presents Platform for Undergrad. Trustee

PURVIS from A2

how we must work in the best interest of its progress."

Some of his focus as undergraduate trustee will be towards "rendering the invisibility of student representatives more visible to the student body."

Purvis has plans to work with every student govern-

ment entity to better understand the students' perspectives and problems in their respective schools and colleges.

"Restoring the student faith can only come with hard work, trust and visibility," he said. "These are things that I have shown previously through my work and things that I plan to continue."

Experience and interac-

tion on campus have been apparent since his freshman year, when Purvis served as HUSA Assistant Political Action Director, Arts & Sciences freshman class treasurer, and the Drew Hall Judiciary Board Vice-Chair. Elevating his political stature this year he serves as president of the largest college in the University, the Co-Chairman of the Policy

Board, member of the Hilltop Policy Board, and member of the Arts & Sciences student grievance committee.

With much campus experience under his belt, Purvis believes that he is best suited for the position.

"I believe of all the candidates I have the most experience," he says. "I have a track record of representing the larger interest of the stu-

dents and I would like to continue that."

Understanding the frustrations that affect college life and life at Howard in particular, Purvis expresses that he holds the same interests as the rest of the student body.

"The students' interests are my interests. It is my duty to keep the long-term interests of Howard at hand," he says.

Purvis maintains the philosophy that every wall has the capability to become a door.

"Howard sets many trials and tribulations before its students, which we may conceive as walls to block us or doors that we can open through determination," he says. "I am determined as a candidate for trustee to open many of these doors."

Faces of Black Science: Dr. Ben Carson

SCIENCE from A6

the first successful separation of vertically conjoined twins in 1997.

The successful health expert has refined the techniques for hemispherectomy,

a radical brain surgery to stop intractable seizures and has developed, along with the Hopkins plastic surgery division, a craniofacial program to help children who need combined neurosurgical and plastic surgical reconstruc-

tion.

Ben Carson and his wife Candy have been married for 26 years and have three children. He believes strongly in God and in America and believes that we all can play a positive role in creating a bet-

ter world. A remarkable story is told in his first book, *Gifted Hands*. THINK BIG, Carson's second book encourages others to develop their intellectual potential.

Carson's work in pediatric medicine contributed to the

development of new technologies and made him one of the most notable African-American neurosurgeons in the United States. From mediocre grades to brain surgery, Dr. Ben Carson has overcome many obstacles and rose to become a leader at the forefront of medicine.

Health Facts

FACTS from A6

pressure. Carbohydrates are also good for people trying to gain weight.

"Carbohydrates are a good source for adding calories to the body," Johnson said.

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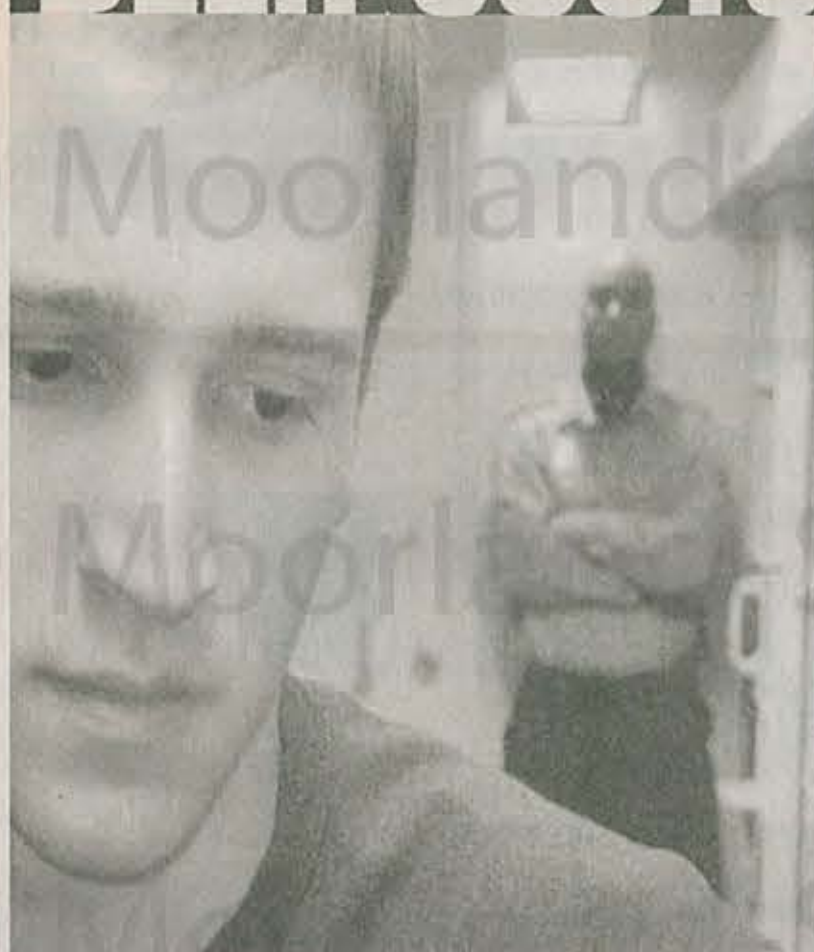
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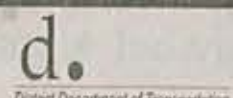
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Howard's Athletic Facilities Remain Inadequate Student Athletes and Faculty Voice Concerns

By Soraya McDonald
Hilltop Staff Writer

It is common knowledge among those who use the press box in Greene Stadium that it could use a substantial upgrade. Even Burr Gymnasium, which was a state-of-the-art facility when it was erected in 1963, is close to defunct.

Does the Howard University community really understand the state of its athletic facilities? There could be benefits of upgrading those facilities and consequences of leaving them as they are.

Athletic Director Sandra Norrell-Thomas said she didn't know why she was being asked about athletic facilities.

"We only have one and that's Burr. It has outgrown its usefulness. Everyone knows we need a new arena and that's why it's in the President's Strategic Framework For Action II, building a new arena," Norrell-Thomas said.

Despite Norrell-Thomas' assertion, Burr Gymnasium is

not Howard University's only athletic facility. Greene Stadium also serves for the track, soccer, lacrosse, and football teams.

The newly furnished weight room in the basement of Cook Hall provides as an athletic facility as well.

The tennis, bowling, and softball teams, however, do not have facilities of their own; in order to practice, they have travel off campus.

When Burr was built in 1963, it was only used for men's sports and was later used to accommodate women's sports and co-ed physical education.

One of Burr's many problems is it serves both the physical education department and the stadium for the men's and women's basketball teams.

Many colleges and universities have standard practice where they keep extracurricular activities and athletics separate.

Another problem is the locker rooms. According to the Men's Basketball Head Coach, Frankie Allen, the

"We may have one of the worst [track facilities] in the conference. I compete against schools such as Auburn, Duke, Princeton, Stanford, Georgetown, American-- those are the top academic schools and those are the type of students that I go after. If we had a complete overhaul, we're talking about something fantastic. It would be great if that did occur. The only way you can go is up- you could conquer the world if you could get something like that."

--Michael Merritt (Track Coach)

facilities need to be bigger to accommodate athletes comfortably.

Allen thinks that it would be a good idea to have a space

where athletes could view videotapes of games. He also mentioned that the locker rooms need shower facilities within the locker room.

"You probably need to upgrade locker rooms for all of your athletic teams. We desperately need to have better facilities for our athletic teams. Locker rooms for men's and women's basketball, a practice court or auxiliary court, a larger playing area in terms of seating capacity so we can accommodate more people and also the use of auxiliary baskets on the main floor," Allen said.

While efforts have been made to improve the state of Howard's athletic facilities — a new Astro Turf field was installed in Greene Stadium last year and the weight room located in the basement of Cook Hall with state-of-the-art equipment — these efforts offer only temporary solutions to larger problems.

"We got new equipment, but that's in the basement of Cook Hall. This is good — for now. If you're talking about building a new facility, you need to have a facility where the weight room is going to be housed, not in the basement of a dorm. You have to include a weight room in your

new facility," Allen said.

Another problem area is the outdoor track. According to members of the track team, it is old and hard, which makes it unsuitable for running on. Also, the track does not have enough lanes to accommodate the team and because of its condition, it needs to be repaired or replaced.

Sophomore Erica Day said, "We've practiced maybe once or twice in two weeks because it's been cold outside and the water has been freezing on the track. We need a new track. We need a new stadium."

Currently, plans for improvements to Howard's athletic facilities are scheduled to occur within the next five to seven years.

Administrators tell students who inquire about the plans to refer to the President's Strategic Framework For Action II. A new multipurpose facility and other accommodations are mentioned in the online version of the publication.



Sandra Norrell-Thomas (Director of Athletics): "I don't know why you're asking me about our athletic facilities; we only have one, and that's Burr. It has outgrown its usefulness. Everyone knows we need a new arena."



Ray Petty (Head Football Coach): "I'm sure they're other schools in the conference that have better facilities. We have what we have. We put a lot of emphasis on guys coming here to get an education, so we don't try to sell them or convince them on the facilities here. Of course, it would be nice to have an improved facility; I think it would help with recruiting. There could be some work done with the press box and the stadium. We could raise the seating capacity of the stadium a little more. The biggest problem we have with football as far as facilities is the amount of room for practice."



Cathy Parson (Women's Basketball Coach): "I can't talk about it because when I came in it was with the understanding that that's the way it is. I think it would really be unfair. I think [Burr] is a nice, quaint environment, and that's why it's nice to play in Burr. I don't know what it would be like for us to play in a 10,000 seat arena because I don't know how many seats we would fill on the women's side of that."

Bisonettes Walk Away With Championship in Atlanta

By Bernard Murray
Sports Editor

The Bisonettes always give the crowd what they pay for.

They bring a unique flavor to center court during halftime performances.

It could be their hip hop, reggae or old-school style that keeps students entertained and intrigued by their moves and rhythms.

Last Saturday, the Bisonettes took their performance on the road as they headed south and represented Howard at the Eighth Annual Black College National Cheerleading and Dance Team Championships in Atlanta.

They got their first taste of competition and added a new level to their dancing.

The Bisonettes went head-to-head with Florida A&M University, Jackson State, Morris Brown and Southern, just to name a few schools who competed in the dancing category.

The most important competitor was the five-time champion, Tennessee State University. Each team had a shot and none of them were able to dethrone the reigning champs.

The Bisonettes, the rookies, were the equivalent to David who knocked off the Goliath TSU.

Beginners' luck had nothing to do with the success of the Bisonettes.

"This season we pulled together despite all problems and improved our level of competi-



PHOTO BY CLOVIA WHEELER

Bisonettes steal championship from five-time champs Tennessee State. Winning dance can be seen on March 3.

tion. For six weeks we've upped our level of dancing 110%," said Horece St. Cyr, the Bisonettes' Competition Director.

Captain Nia Wallace agreed and said, "We worked so hard. We had a dream and a goal to go

to the competition and win."

The cheer competition hosted by ESPN2 in Daytona Beach showcases cheerleaders of a much lighter hue.

The Bisonettes are far from being cheerleaders.

Although the movie "Bring It On" gave black cheerleaders recognition, however, there is still a lack of ethnic representation at the national cheerleading level.

So, The Black College National Championships was cre-

ated.

Founder Kay Brown had a vision in 1994 to enhance the skill level of local recreational and high school cheer squads.

Her goal was to ultimately bridge the gap in cheerleading

fundamentals without losing the style and originality of the black cheerleading community.

The Black College National Championships is a subdivision of The Cheerleading Source, a cheerleading training company, of Stone Mountain, Georgia.

The five first schools to ever participate in the BCNC were Fayetteville State, Bowie State, Jackson State, Savannah State, and Clark Atlanta University.

In 1997, the Dance Team Division along with the Co-ed Partner Stunt Division was added to the competition.

It's 2003 and more than 80 teams participate in the BCNC.

Howard and nine other HBCU started competition at 12 PM on Saturday, Feb. 22 and continued throughout the day.

"Going to the competition was intimidating, yet we remained confident. We knew we would bring something new to the competition," said Wallace. "We weren't focused on any other school; we concentrated on our strengths."

It was a rough season for the Bisonettes.

They had to overcome many obstacles including budget issues, time management, weather and lack of facilities.

In preparation for their performance, the 11-member team dedicated over four hours of practice, five days a week for the past two weeks.

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LIFE & STYLE

Electric Circus Comes to Town: Common, Gang Starr, Floetry and Talib Kweli Rock the 9:30 Club Wednesday

By Jozen Cummings
Life and Style Editor

The circus invaded the city of D.C. Wednesday night.

Billed as the Electric Circus tour and headlined by Common, rapper's Talib Kweli, Gangstarr and R&B duo Floetry gathered together at the 9:30 club to put on a performance that can only be described as a hip-hop, soul drenched circus act.

On paper, the lineup looked to have something for everyone.

But line up's like this are dangerous. They have a tendency to self-destruct due to cancellations and half-hearted performance from the artists. Fortunately, this wasn't the case.

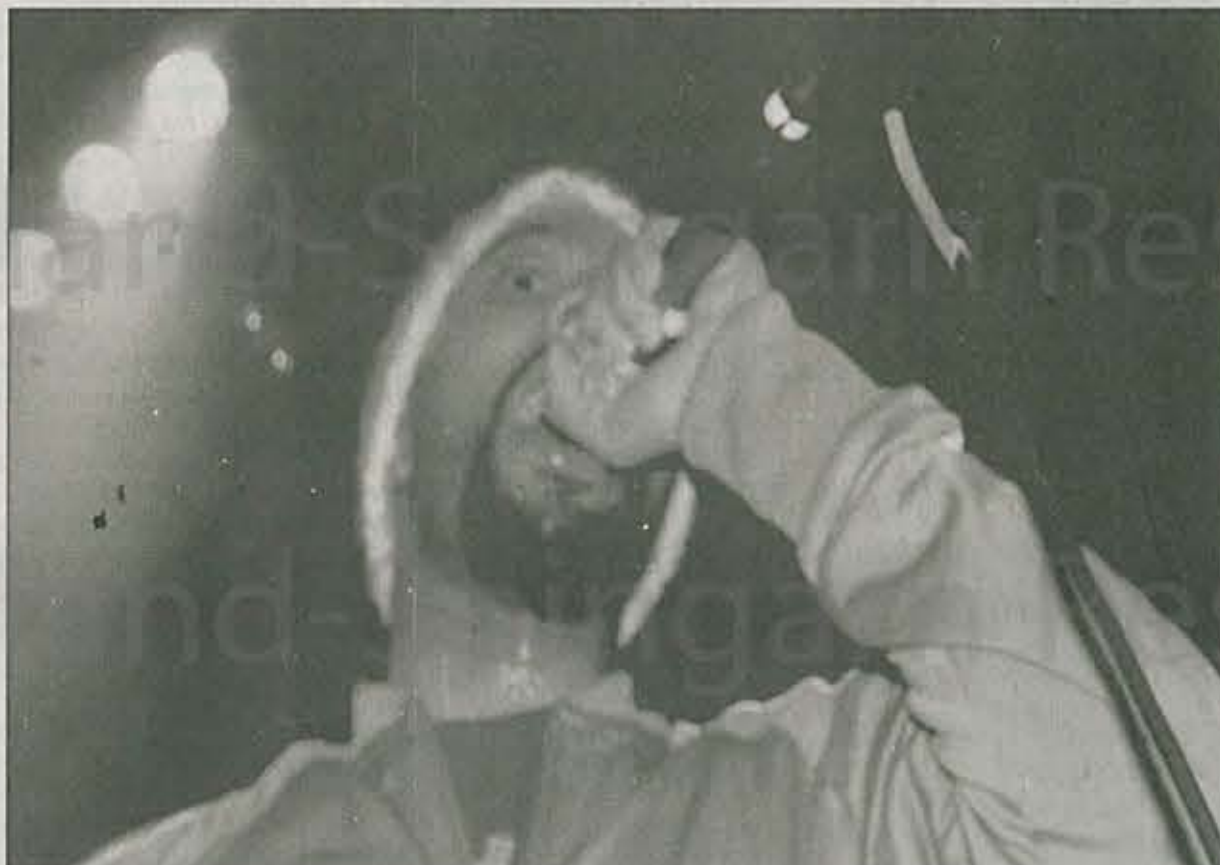
Act One

The first group to perform was Floetry. As people began to drift in the club from the freezing cold, Floetry worked the crowd. Being the least familiar act out of all the performers didn't stop them from looking like two vets. Their chemistry was evident from the start.

Floetry's ballad-heavy set was the calm before the storm. Though majority of their songs didn't ring a bell with the audience, their hit single "Floetic" was familiar to almost everyone in attendance. The easy-going beat and catchy hook worked the crowd into a slight sweat, and was a strong indication of what was to come.

Act Two

The song "Shock Body" couldn't have set the tone better for Talib Kweli's portion of



PHOTOS BY MAYA GILLIAM

Above, Chicago MC Common headlined the Electric Circus Tour. The performance at the 9:30 club was the first stop of the tour. At right, Rapper Talib Kweli hypes the crowd up during his performance. Kweli's show was broken down to just him and DJ.

the show. The blaring horns sound like something out of the score for "Superman," and that's exactly what he was.

Superman, except this Superman was dressed in a simple white tee and jeans. Talib Kweli mixed and matched his show with new hits ("Get By") and old favorites from his Black Star days with Mos Def ("Definition.")

Halfway through his set, Kweli began to notice the attention of his fans waver. "I don't think you all are ready tonight D.C.," he told the

crowd. "I'm not feeling like you all are feeling me."

The crowd took his words seriously and began to roar in approval after every one of his songs. The big ball of energy that was Kweli flexed his lyrical muscles, but also stretched the crowd out for space to dance. When the bass thumps of "The Blast" seeped through the speakers, heads began to knock to and froe and mouths moved along with every lyric.

Act Three

Having arrived minutes before they were supposed to go on stage, and allegedly

being stuck in the snow, Gang Starr made no secrets of their lack of preparation for the concert that night.

"But that's alright D.C.," Premier told the crowd. "If you're a real hip-hop performer you won't need a whole bunch of rehearsals. We're going to rock y'all anyway."

And rock they did. The thumping beats of Premier's beats have blessed hip-hop fans for years, and matched with Guru's deep raspy flow, the Gang Starr has satisfied those always wanting real hip-hop.

As Premier scratched his turntables into classics such as "Step In the Arena," "Work" and their new single "Skillz," audience members seemed to jump higher and higher. Each beat had been crafted in such a way that you could have sworn you heard it before, and while you didn't know if that was true or not, Premier's kick and snare drum blends were powerful enough to move people on the balcony and ground level.

The Finale

Common. Simply put his shows should be the stuff legends are made of.

Armed with a rhythm section that included four keyboards, a drummer, bass player and guitar player, plus a DJ, Common didn't just rap, he performed. With his band pumping out the backdrop to songs like "Sixth Sense" and "Time Travelin'," Common ran around the stage reciting his lyrics while looking like someone trying to find some money they dropped.

While the beginning of his show was a little bit too out there for the audience to comprehend, his excitement and youthful energy had the crowd building song after song. By the time he was halfway through his set the first five minutes were a distant memory, and the audience were finishing verses for the Chi-Town MC.

The crowd reached a fever pitch when Common brought back out Talib Kweli to do their song "Respiration" from Kweli's 1998 "Black Star" album. When he went into his latest single "Come Close," his



band emulated the Neptune's produced beat flawlessly and the crowd sang the portion usually reserved for the absent R&B singer Mary J. Blige.

Near the end of his show, Common's drummer Karriem Riggins thumped his drum set, mimicking the big band sound of the swing era for the song "I am Music." The song had a time-warp effect, as the swinging drums and looped trumpet and sax sequences allowed for a jazz club atmosphere.

Common closed his set properly with a rendition of his biggest single "The Light" from 2000's "Like Water for Chocolate" album. The song moved into a different feel every verse and for the final verse Common slid into song form.

Any other night, and the thought of Common singing would have surprised people. But after everything the audience had seen, nothing was a surprise.

'Majority' Schools Celebrate Black History Month

By Venus B. Taylor
Contributing Writer

Leslie Bowen, junior public relations major at American University (AU), praises her school's celebration of Black History Month.

Bowen ran for vice president of AU's Black Student Alliance (BSA) when she noticed her school's lack of celebration. AU used to have just one program on Martin Luther King Day and one for Black History Month. Now, with the help of Bowen and several students like herself, AU honors black contributions through events every day in February.

Entitling this year's celebration, "The Souls of Black Folk: A Centennial Reflection," AU has held a multitude of forums, book discussions, movie nights and dinners. At the beginning of Feb., Sister Souljah empowered the campus with her words. A week later students discussed The Hilltop founder Zora Neale Hurston's "Their Eyes Were Watching God."

Most of AU's Black History events are targeted at African American students but some events have crossed over to other races. "Now that we've developed excitement about Black History Month in [the black] community first, here's a chance to come together and celebrate with all the students on campus," Bowen said.

Students at Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs) like Howard may take



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American University is just one of the many schools that participates in Black History Month through celebrations and educational forums.

these celebrations for granted. Predominately white schools like AU, which is 6 percent black, have black communities that are very small and tight knit. Therefore, Bowen feels the programs do mean a lot to the black students who do attend and miss out on the experience HBCUs have to offer.

Catholic University of America, located in Northeast D.C., is also celebrating Black History Month. Last Thursday students enjoyed a performance

by the Baltimore-based African Drum Ensemble. That same night the Black Organization of Students held a food fair called "A Taste of Cultures" accenting foods from across the African Diaspora. The campus also watched the play "1,001 Black Inventions," which showed what life would be like without the innovations of African Americans.

George Washington University hosted a performance of the African Heritage Dancers

and Drummers. In addition, students viewed the movie "Soul Food" and a couple of town hall meetings were held.

One such meeting was entitled "What if Malcolm and Martin Became Friends?" and the other exploring "The Relationship Between African and African American Students."

Georgetown University's Black Theater Ensemble has performed "The Piano Lesson" by August Wilson six times this month. Georgetown's Black Student Alliance also had a soul food dinner earlier this month.

Jason Carter, a sophomore business management major at Georgetown, is pleased with his school's celebration of Black History Month. Carter said, "The school did a good amount of events in February. I thought it was all pretty impressive."

Ronald Thomas, a 22-year-old meteorology major at the University of Maryland, College Park doesn't boast the same sort of praises for his school. "The school isn't very united," Thomas said. "Black organizations all do their own thing, but the school as a whole doesn't do anything."

How do predominately white campuses across the country stack up to those in the metropolitan DC area?

Ten hours northwest of DC, Andrea Dameron, a junior education major at Michigan State University, is a Student



Soul-singer Donnie, who is a distant cousin of Marvin Gaye, has a new album out ("The Colored Section") and will be performing tonight at the Black Cat in D.C.

Donnie and Soul

By Ebony Simpson
Hilltop Staff Writer

expression.

His debut album titled "The Colored Section," (Giant Step Records) vents a lifetime's worth of frustration, anger and sadness that can only be caused by racism. And according to Donnie, even though the people of the South share the deepest connections to America's racist past, they still haven't had the opportunity to share their pains and revelations with the rest of the world.

The album, which was released in November of 2002, has received much acclaim. Vivacious and spirited, his vocal and musical arrangements have been compared to R&B legends Donnie Hathaway, his namesake

Yes, soul does lives on, and its newest incarnation thrives in 28-year-old, singer and songwriter Donnie Johnson, better known as Donnie.

Born in Kentucky and bred in Atlanta, Donnie's been honing his craft since the age of 12 in his church choir. Like many others, he was faced with the decision of whether he would sing for the church or branch out to a wider audience. He chose the latter and thankfully so.

In a time when Donnie believes "mainstream music has been cheapened by excessive carnality," his music beckons listeners to a plane of higher thought and deeper emotional

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NEWS

Bisonettes Walk Away With Championship in Atlanta

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It paid off. Though hundreds of miles from D.C., the love and support they received was incredible. Spectators, including a former Ohh Laa Laa member, gave them praise. It wasn't just their

dancing that impressed the crowd, it was their leadership, maturity and commitment that was recognized.

The Bisonettes were the only team that came to Atlanta without a coach or supervisor. Led by Captain Nia Wallace and Co-Captain Marletta Boyd II, they

were in good hands.

It was their dancing that eventually won them the title.

When they were announced, it was "the team from the Nation's Capital."

They froze.

Once they realized they won, yelling, screaming and crying followed.

"We were so happy that we

won. We worked so hard and this was our dream and goal," said Wallace. "I was so proud of my squad."

No one member got all the glory because it was a collective effort. It was the mix of St. Cyr's Choreography and the teams dance capabilities.

St. Cyr has been dancing for 13 years and brings her extensive

experience to the team.

"It's very difficult to choreograph with different dancing styles and dancing capabilities. We all worked together," said St. Cyr. "My motto is perfection and presentation. Everything [the performance] was perfect and no flaws."

St. Cyr gets her motivation from her team; they all choreo-

graph and feed off each other.

So, what's next for the Bisonettes?

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"We put ourselves in a high profile competition so people will pride and dedicated to our work," said Wallace.

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'Majority' Schools Celebrate Black History

BLACK from B2

Facilitator for her school's Multi-Racial Unity Living Experience (MRULE).

"[Michigan] State does a good job of acknowledging black history through forums and concerts," said Dameron. "I just wish

the events would continue throughout the year."

Six hours south of MSU is the University of Tennessee, Knoxville. Here Edward Boyd, a sophomore engineering major, has mixed feelings the way his school chooses to honor black history.

"They named this Africa Semester and they're doing Black African history and culture stuff all semester," said Boyd. "Though the names kind of annoy me at least they're doing stuff, whatever their motivations might be."

Back at Howard, book-signings have taken place at the book-

store, videos series have been shown at the Undergraduate Library and forums have been held at Blackburn.

"We don't need to politic with the rest of the United States," said Kia Thomas, a sophomore finance major. "We celebrate our heritage every day."

Donnie and Soul

SOUL from B2

and Stevie Wonder. Conversely, his lyrics are generally pensive and thoughtful, reminiscent of the lyrics of Marvin Gaye, a distant cousin.

On songs like "Cloud Nine" which is featured on the soundtrack to "Brown Sugar," Donnie celebrates the beauty of blackness, proudly proclaiming that he is "happy to be nappy."

The album also features songs like "Our New National Anthem" and "Welcome to the Colored Section," where Donnie

does some redefining of his own.

The title of his album refers to the colored sections of public establishments during the Jim Crow era. At the time blacks were outcasts in American society through exclusion from buildings, businesses and social institutions. Donnie remarkably redefines the term "colored section" by changing its mood from one of heavy-heartedness to one of celebration, love and pride. Indeed the colored section is now an uplifting place to be.

Redefining universal experiences is exactly what Donnie feels

a true artist must do. "We all exist in the same world and experience the same events," says Donnie, who will be performing at DC's Black Cat tonight. "But an artist must have the individuality of mind to express things the way he or she sees them, he must give his own interpretation."

Such an artist is soul singer Julie Dexter, an old friend and sometimes collaborator.

"Julie just has this attitude," Donnie says. "She's not a diva either. She's an artist, a genius."

Touring together for the first time, they are getting to know

each other on a more intimate level. They have already toured with Donnie headlining, St. Louis, Chicago, Detroit, Baltimore, and are scheduled to hit New York and Philadelphia.

If he continues to release albums like "The Colored Section," Donnie will certainly go down in history.

The tour finale is scheduled for tonight, in D.C. at The Black Cat; also performing will be Fertile Ground and Goapele. The show starts at 9:30 and tickets are \$12 in advance, \$15 at the door.

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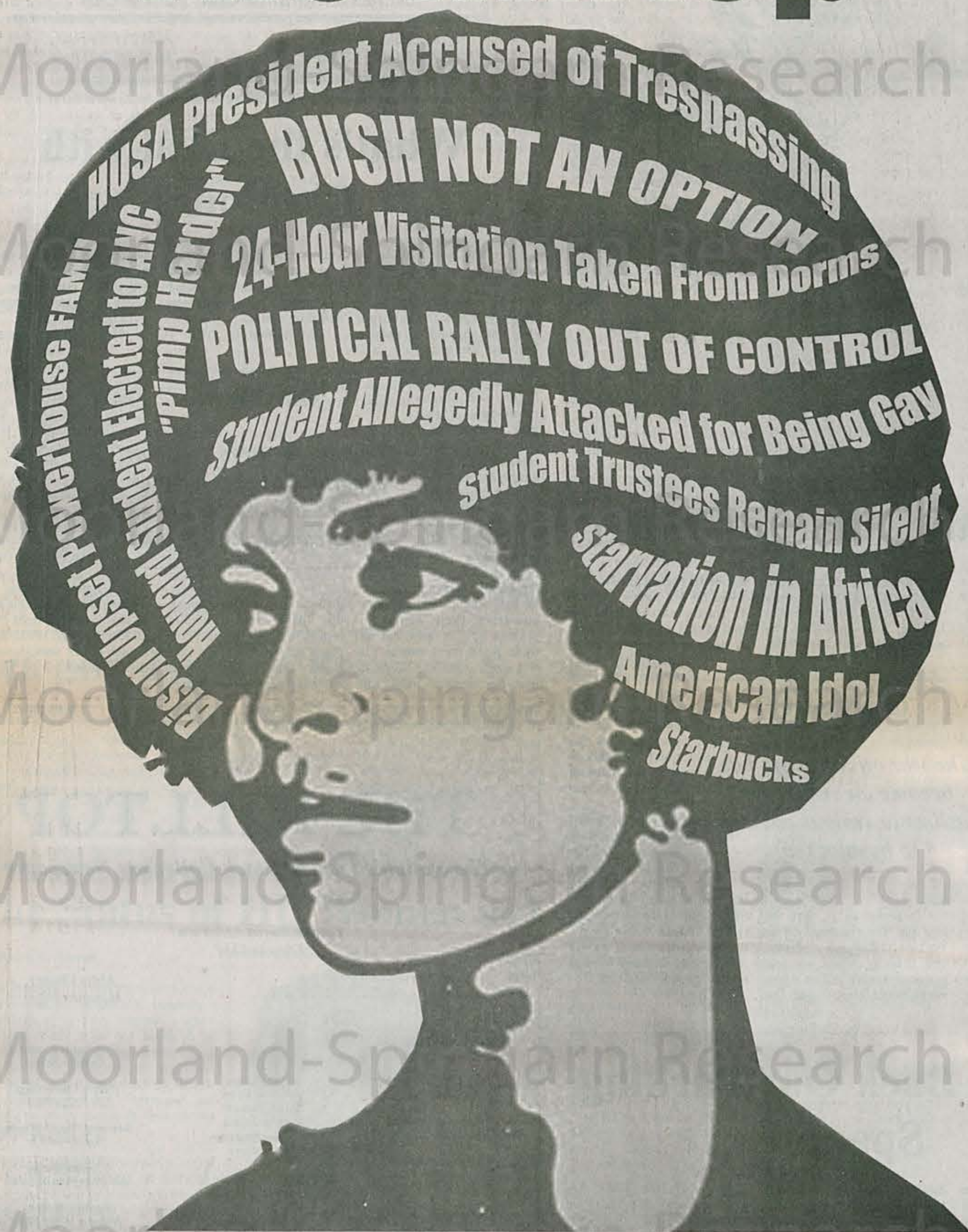
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PERSPECTIVES

The Day Hip Hop Took Over Manhattan

Sean Butler, a.k.a. SB, The Lyrical Messiah, a.k.a. "The Northstarr"

Five o'clock a.m., half awake, half sick with the flu, I arrive at MTV headquarters to an amazing site: An anaconda-like line of artists hungry for opportunity that twists and turns for blocks on end. Mind you, it's five o'clock in the morning! Although it's midnight black and glacier cold, these opportunists still manage to be in good spirits.

The brisk morning air is so heavy with energy and excitement. I hurriedly unpack my video camera to capture this magical moment, fearing to miss even one precious second. As I search for the end of this seemingly endless line, I ask various emcees to give their names and the cities they represent:

The Bronx, Brooklyn, Chicago, North Carolina, California, Detroit, all recited with resounding pride. Hawaii even! And here I thought I would be the earliest bird to get the worm due to my five o'clock arrival. Far from it! Although MTV announced that the event would not start until 8am, I realized that people had been arriving as early as 2am (at least!).

But with so much on the table, I shouldn't have been surprised. MTV was offering

the first 1000 emcees in line the opportunity to battle each other for the lofty prize of \$25,000 in cash and either an artist recording contract with Def Jam or a distribution deal with Def Jam.

A prize like that is sure to get every emcee worth his mettle to freeze his pants off just to get a shot! Carpe diem! Seize the day! Well, as I'm working my way to the end of the infinitely LONG line, I hear people guessing at the count...6,000...3,000, etc.

Personally, math wasn't my favorite subject in school so let's just say that there was a LOT of people present! As I'm waiting in line and the hours pass by, I find my resolve being tested in the worst way. I'm literally shaking from the bitter cold and yes, I am dressed warmly it's just that COLD!

Anyway, I maintain by playing Eminem's "Lose Yourself" on repeat in my mental CD player... "You better lose yourself in the moment, you own it, you better never ever let it go! You only get one shot, do not miss your chance to blow, cause opportunity comes once in a lifetime..."

So I brave the cruel weather, while mentally cursing MTV for choosing this season to present an opportunity like this, as I'm sure many of the other emcees were doing after waiting for hours and hours. Suddenly I see people running,

helicopters over my head and then I hear that the event has been cancelled by some emcees walking past me. Soon their report is confirmed by the policeman who ordered us to clear the area. No explanation, no apology for the time, money and sweat we expended to get here...nothing.

Then something wells up deep down inside of me and breaks to the surface like waves crashing against the barrier of a reef.

As I look at the multitude of fellow emcees present I decided that I would not let this historical moment end in negativity. So I started networking, introducing myself to artists, handing out business cards, soliciting for producers, etc.

Everyone is responsive and very open to collaboration (so much for the fallacy that hip hop artists can't work together). But the real magic starts when I whip out the camcorder and start recording.

A huge cipher forms instantly and emcees just start rhyming there hearts out! But of course the police have to clear us from the area and tell us to keep it moving. So we keep moving, but I keep recording and they keep riding. One police officer gets frustrated and says, "You can do this all day back in the hood, this is Manhattan, keep it moving!" Oh really?!

Just a short while ago, MTV gave us the open invitation to be here. But now since MTV cancelled on us, we are no longer good enough to be here?! What about freedom of expression, freedom of speech?! We aren't hurting anyone or disrupting the flow of business.

But this is an example of the negative attitude that many people have toward hip hop. The sad thing is that many of the people who make millions exploiting this culture feel the same way.

They say that love is the most powerful force in the universe. In fact, God is love. It's a shame that MTV, DEF JAM and the viewing public missed out on this. For this was greater than anything MTV, DEF JAM or any of the so called Hip Hop media forums ever televised (or probably ever will).

This was the essence of Hip Hop. And it's a day I will always remember. The day Hip Hop took over Manhattan. I didn't see any riots. I didn't see any fights. I saw the essence of Hip Hop manifest in all its glory and splendor right in the heart of Manhattan. But Manhattan was too blind to see it.

But hey, if they were too blind to see God in Christ, why should we expect them to see the God in us? One two ya'll and it don't stop....

Don't Wait to Celebrate! Every Month Should be Black History Month

Joshua Gray

For the past four hundred years, Afro-Americans have been struggling with segregation, racism, pain, and obstacles. During that time, we have helped build America to what it is today. Then why do we celebrate the success of Afro-Americans only one month out of the year?

I think that every month should be considered Black History month. Celebrating black history once a month does not give due for those great leaders, and inventors who have accomplished a lot in America. More importantly, by focusing on Afro-Americans achievement just one month a year, means those achievements tend to be ignored the other 11 months of the year.

Just examine some of those achievements: We have helped pass segregation laws, help unite different races, help design Washington, D.C., pioneered the Heart transfusion, Folding bed, Coin changer, Letter box, Stainless steal pads, Torpedo discharge, Home security system, Cotton planner, Training board, and the Street sweeper. Afro-Americans need to keep the idea of these achievements, and many others, in the back of our minds year around, not just one month of the year. Otherwise, we will forget. Not only do we forget that such achievement has occurred, but that it is possible, that we are capable of improving, and in fact even changing, the world. With all the obstacles we face, we need that constant reminder twelve months a year.

Black History month is also an opportunity to celebrate how we have overcome the obstacles and challenges that we have faced in the past, and will continue to face in the present, and the future. Growing up in West Oakland and Berkeley, California, our community didn't really celebrate Black History Month. So, at the end of the month I attended a local recreation center that put on a Black History Month celebration. Every year I always looked fore-

word to going because I was able to meet new people, and always learn something new about the struggle and success of Afro-Americans. I think Black History month also means unity: Undying, Nostalgia, Integrity, Trustworthy, You.

Undying stands for the undying love we have for are history. Nostalgia is the past - that we have to know and learn from the past before we can move forward. Integrity means that we have to stand up for what we believe in, without losing your integrity. Trustworthy is to be trusted by others, and trust yourself that you can do anything you put your mind to. You stand for yourself. Only you can make the decisions that can and will affect you, your family, and community. If you don't care about yourself, how do you expect for people to care about you?

Finally, the main purpose of Black History month is to give us a cultural understanding of black people. It also shows us that we are diverse, even though we are all black; we all are from different backgrounds. With diverse perspectives on life, take for example, some of our historical leaders and their different perspectives. Malcolm X believed in "any means necessary." Martin Luther King believed in "non-violence." W.E.B. Dubois believed in the "talented 10." Booker T. Washington believed in "developing the masses." These four powerful Afro-Americans prove that even though we have the same skin color, we have different perspective and different beliefs.

When I think of Black History month the words that pop into my mind are creativity, ambition, challenges, sweat, black power, and love. Even though we have been through a lot, we still hold our heads up high with dignity and integrity. But dignity and integrity are not traits we exhibit only in February. They are traits we need to exhibit every single month of the year. That's why, in my mind, every day, every month, every year, I celebrate Black History.

Sick and Tired of Being Sick and Tired

Zelia Archibald

This morning, I waited on the Metro Shuttle, knowing only that it would be late, so I decided to walk.

Following my departure from the metro stop, realized that the shuttle had arrived at the station; being between two shuttle stops, I ran

toward the hospital shuttle stop and waited for the shuttle to reach me.

When the shuttle reached at my location (hospital), it was packed to capacity.

The driver did not even open the door and alert myself and another Howard student, that he would not be able to accommodate us. I

then had to walk it to campus.

When I arrived on campus my joints were aching from the cold, and my hands (gloved) were frozen to the point that I could not grasp the door at Locke Hall to get to class-- I waited for to follow another student going in my direction.

It is bad enough that stu-

dents are often left to wait endlessly for the shuttles to come, chancing being late for class. However, to only be rejected and left in the cold to wait, or walk, is unacceptable.

Zelia Archibald is a freshman biology major from St. Kitts, W.I.

The Status of HU Women in Leadership

La Tanya L. Reese

At Howard University, where there is an abundance of female students, I am interested in why campus women seem less likely than our brothers to hold forefront leadership positions. A quick survey of most campus organizations reveals a plethora of gifted, talented sisters serving the University but serving, in many cases, in less visible and influential roles.

Although these roles are highly respectable and call for women's attention, too, in the process of fulfilling them many of us are lending away our precious energies and neglecting the fact that there is strength and influence in our numbers. In the current races for trustees and HUSA offices, for instance, women's voices are often whispers behind men's bellows. As a result, it seems that where we could have a greater impact we are instead relegating ourselves to the fringes of power and forfeiting our opportunity to join with



the men to affect real change—both academically and administratively.

The women of this campus have an integral role to play in leading Howard University towards American and global leadership. In the classrooms, student meetings, and campus politics, HU

women are pioneering groundbreaking research, becoming firsts in their fields, earning top grades and fellowships, and helping to negotiate peace and justice all over the world. And there is so much more we can do singularly and collectively.

As Howard moves in earnest towards its full potential and towards national and international leadership, it is necessary for HU women to assume more active and higher-ranking roles on campus. This could mean different representation and results for all of us—for both men and women. In short, I look forward to more sisters having a seat at the decision-making table where our brothers are waiting to welcome us.

LaTanya Reese is a second-year Ph.D. student in the Department of English and a candidate for Graduate Trustee.

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William-- If you thought anise was something, wait till this weekend. This weekend's word will be a throwback... trash

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Kerry-- thanks for helping out this issue.

David-- Keep holding it down! You are doing the damn thing.

Hey all, thanks for working hard this week. We hit a bump on Tuesday but keep your heads up!

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